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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of September 8, 2004. Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Group II, comprising claims 1, 5-7 and 15-20. Applicants agree with the Examiner that claims 1, 5, 7 and 15-19 are generic; however, Applicants submit that claim 20 is also generic, since it is not drawn to any of the specific torque producers enumerated by the Examiner. Claim 6 is drawn to an electric motor, and therefore fits within Group II, the elected group. Prompt and favorable consideration of this examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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